THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.3866 OF 2007

Dated 27th February 2007

Between:

M/s.Seth India Chempest Pvt. Ltd.,
Rep.by its Manager(sales) R.P.Ramaiah.

…Petitioner

and

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture,
Opp.L.B.Stadium, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad.

…Respondent

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O R D E R:

The petitioner is a manufacturer of pesticides, having its plant in the State of Madhya Pradesh. With a view to have its distributors in the State of Andhra Pradesh, it submitted an application with the respondent on 26.12.2006, as required under Rule 10 (4A) of the Insecticides Rules, 1971. Its grievance is that no orders have been passed by the respondent, so far, and on account of the same, it is denied the benefit of employing distributors, and seeks appropriate directions, in this regard.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Government Pleader for Agriculture.

The Insecticides Act and Rules provide for issuance of different kinds of licences and permits. A licence in Form-VI-D is to be issued to the manufacturer. On the basis of such a licence, it can appoint dealers, in the concerned State. If the application of the petitioner is defective in any respect, the same ought to have been pointed out to it by the respondent. By any standard, the application

ought not to have been kept pending for a long time.

Therefore, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the respondent to pass necessary orders on the application dated 26.12.2006, submitted by the petitioner, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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